

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
Telecommunications Division  
Telecom Advisory Letters

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In reply refer to:

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Re: 400 RULES RESTRUCTURING PROJECT

I. INTRODUCTION: The Telecommunications Division (TD) is in the process of restructuring the Telecommunications Rules. The objective of this effort is to make available a single document that is easy to use and access. These telecommunication related rules which, when followed will ensure compliance with required statutes and Commission Orders.

II. BACKGROUND: NH Admin. Chapter 400 Rules for Telephone Service and Chapter 1300 Local Telecommunications Competition Rules are expiring, on May 5, 2005 and December 3, 2004 respectively.

There are three distinct goals to this rulemaking effort:

- 1) Consolidate 400 and 1300 rules into one Chapter;
- 2) Establish unique Parts for each type of provider (*i.e.*, ILECs, CLECs, CTPs, etc.); and
- 3) Clarify, modify and improve readability of rules where appropriate.

The TD is scheduled to file a rulemaking notice form (Notice) required by RSA 541-A: 6, with the Office of Legislative Services in early November 2004.

The TD has defined the layout and order of the restructured rules, and is in the process of preparing a first draft for each Part of the revised and consolidated Chapter 400 rules. When this is completed, TD will seek written comments and conduct subsequent work-sessions with interested parties. This will give stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback, and improve the overall quality of the final product.

Time and resources are limited. The TD hopes to provide opportunities for stakeholders to participate during the course of the process in ways that are both meaningful and feasible. We expect to release the first draft in early September and will be looking for written comments prior to a work-session in early October.

**Please respond if you are interested in participating in this process and you will be placed on an unofficial service list for further correspondence from the TD regarding this project. Submit your request for participation with [Jody.Carmody@puc.nh.gov](mailto:Jody.Carmody@puc.nh.gov).**

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